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- I, Bruce Woods, being duly sworn according to law, state the following:
- I am indigent and incarcerated at the Southern Ohio Correctional Institution. 1.
- 2. I am the defendant in the matter-captioned State of Ohio v. Bruce Woods, Hamilton Common Pleas Case No. B9601386. I pled not guilty, and was convicted following a jury trial.
- 3. I am a layman, unskilled in legal practice and unfamiliar with legal procedure.
- 4. I did not waive my right to a direct appeal of my conviction.
- 5. I was advised of my appellate rights and told my attorney to file an appeal on my behalf.
- 6. I told my attorney that I wanted to appeal and expected him to file the necessary appeal papers.
- 7. I did not file a notice of appeal because I thought my attorney had filed a notice of appeal in my case.
- 8. My trial counsel failed to file a Notice of Appeal.
- 9. I did not receive any correspondence from my attorney about my appeal. After my sentencing, my trial attorney refused my phone calls, and calls made by my people.
- 10. When I arrived in prison I became depressed about doing a lot of time and felt suicidal. I lost hope in the system.
- 11. Other inmates told me that it takes several months before the transcript is filed and can take years for an appeal to be decided. I expected that the appeal would take years to be decided so it took me a long time before I became concerned about not hearing about a ruling on my case.
- 12 When I did learn that no appeal had been filed by my attorney for my conviction, I contacted the Office of the Ohio Public Defender and asked for assistance in filing a delayed appeal.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  $19^{+/4}$  day of August 1998.

EXHIBIT

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